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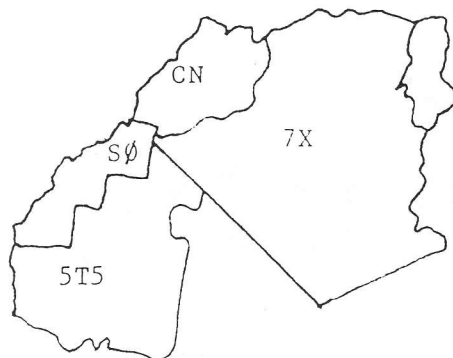
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L A R E P U B L I C A A R A B E S A B A R A U I
D E M O C R A T I C A

Was put on the air by the LYNX DX GROUP and Martti Laine, OH2BH during the month of Oct 1987 with the call of SØR.A.S.D. The area was once Spanish Sahara having old EA9 call. It is an area that has problems finding out where it's borders are because the adjoining countries now and then still claim a portion of it.



The paper work given to ARRL to confirm it as a separate country is some of the largest and most detailed they have ever received. One must study all of the documentation to fully understand how EA9 ever got to be SØ. You must go back in time a few years to the point when Spain arranged to remove itself as ruler over the area. All normal procedures were taken to assure R.A.S.D. could manage on it's own.

In February 1976 a government was established and Senor Abdelaziz was elected as their first president. The situation didn't improve much since those countries that at first agreed with Spain that they would leave the area, didn't. The problems are somewhat improved now and R.A.S.D. is recognized as a country by 71 nations.

The DXpedition operators have arranged to leave the station there to be used by nationals as their club station. Training was taking place during the time they were there to assure the first national citizen of the Republic Arab Shara Democratic, "Naama" can come on the air as SØ1A. INDEXA has been asked to provide assistance to assure they have plenty of equipment and parts.

The DXAC so far has found nothing negative about the documentation and will take a vote about Dec 15th with the results being given to the DXAC Chairman within 10 working days.

In a very short QSO with OH2BH while working the pileup, he did say we would have a few photographs coming our way for the Newsletter along with more info. Finally our thanks to the LYNX Group and Martti for the many-many hours of work in preparation of the documentation and then the delayed(go)signal which hopefully will once again prove that if we have a will, someone will find a way. The amateur spirit in motion for the benefit of all amateurs worldwide.

I wonder if some reader could calculate how many man hours were lost at work, how much quick vacation was taken and finally, how much power is consumed with 8-9000 rigs left on the first(no show)weekend.

The QSL route is via EA2JG. Those that may wish to provide assistance on a larger scale for expenses and also to assure a permanent amateur in SØ may send it to the LYNX Group at-- Fondo De Ayuda A Expediciones, P O Box 351, 26080 Logrono, Spain. Please don't send QSLs to the box 351.

DXPEDITION TO FERNANDO DE NORONHA ISLAND - BRAZIL

The Natal DX Group has made the second DXpedition to the island between 09 Sept-13 Sept of 1987. This effort was made possible by different support but the majority by (FAB) the Brazilian Air Force.



L-R PS7KM, PS7PC, PS7BS, PS7BY, PS7WB



BRAZIL — SOUTH AMERICA		
FERNANDO DE NORONHA ISLAND		
Lat. 3° 53' S — Long. 32° 23' W		
Zones. — ITU 13 & CQ 11		
ZY8FMO [] (PS7BS)	ZY8FRT [] (PS7BY)	ZY8FCA [] (PS7WB)
ZY8FKL [] (PS7KM)	ZY8FCM [] (PS7PC)	



CONFIRMING CONTACT WITH					
AMATEUR RADIO	DATE	UTC	BAND	RS (T)	MODE
SAMPLE	04 SEPTEMBER 1987		3.7	14.2	RTTY
			24	14.1	CW, FM, AMTOR

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QSL MANAGER —
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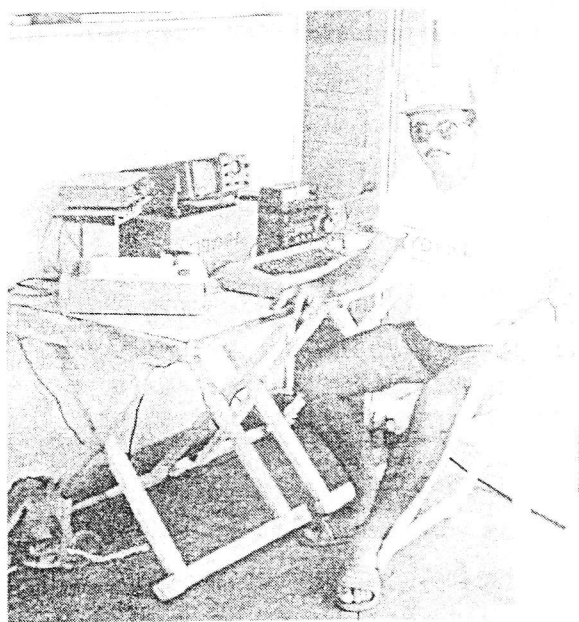
The flight left Natal at 10:00 UTC and arrived over the island in one hour and twenty minutes. After the normal excitement of getting started again, we set up the operating positions with the help of the resident ham, Vasco, PYØFG. After all was duly tested and having no problems, we got on the air at 1636 UTC. We started with two stations, one on CW and the other on RTTY. We feel great about being the first DXpedition to operate RTTY from the island. Once it was known we were there, the pileup started..

With everything going so well, we could be stopped by only one thing, bad propagation, and it almost did. The bad propagation and the QRM along with QSB slowed down the operation. We could hear vy weak DU & JA calling the next morning and after 1600Z we could work into Europe.

Only after 2300Z could we work the 3 Americas which had vy strong signals. Since we could hear them so well we stayed on it till we lost all propagation.

We figured we were doing ok even with the poor propagation and didn't expect a few visitors who came by. We could have did without the visit because it was a cavalcade of horses that ran over the antenna area. You can't imagine how we felt when with the dawns early light on the 11th, we found the verticals completely damaged and couldn't be used !

We did manage 1200 QSOs on RTTY, AMTOR, CW & SSB. QSL all ZFØF contacts to PS7KM . 73



PS7KM at one of the positions

Progress and changes are sometimes looked upon as a road block to personal gain and enjoyment. It has been for our Newsletter. First there was a job change in the K4MQG household (editor) which caused the job to fall back to me (W4WMQ) and it could only happen at a bad time (this is covered by Murphy's law) and finally when all the other road blocks have been passed, (business, family, INDEXA, delayed stories etc) we will finally get a much delayed Newsletter out.

We must first understand we are not a newsletter or bulletin association. Second, our Newsletter doesn't cover all the HOT DX tips you needed yesterday. If you need more than is covered by our fine Information Net at 2330Z, subscribe to one of the good fast DX bulletins such as the LIDX, QRZ etc. Thirdly, our Newsletter is a general information and point of interest type which is geared mainly for news concerning what your association has been doing and what the possible plans are. And fourthly, we try to print 4 each year but not at a given time other than spring, summer, fall and winter. Of course the fall issue didn't make it so we will try to get everything into this one.

PLEASE NOTE: all renewals will be the new membership dues of \$12.00 only. Since we have many stuffers still around the world with the old \$10.00 dues, we will accept those until they stop coming in. Also if your renewal date is ie: 5-5-87 and you send the dues in on 11-11-87, you will be given one years membership from 5-5-87, not up to 11-11-87. I mention this because of much confusion about expiration date etc.

RON WRIGHT did a fine job as VK9AB with a total of 4500 contacts with 95% being on CW. Propagation was poor to the states but Europe came open on 10 meters and he made many of the fellows vy happy. Ron and three others will put Auckland Is. (ZL9) on the bands Feb/Mar 1988 for 2 weeks. We supplied one tribander for the DXpedition and with the help of N7NG, saved the shipping cost. He will be one of the ops and agreed to take it down with him. We also provided assistance for the cost of the ship and at last count, they had received about 1/3 of the cost, all from stateside. I hope this doesn't cause the beam to become locked on W6 land !

We have responded to request for assistance from the Uruguay DX Group for a DXpedition to S.Shetland Is and from the LYNX Group for a full station at SØRASD.

We have an agreement with the Clipperton DX Group, F2DX ex: F6EYS Pres. in which we provided another amp for the FT8 operators. FT8ZB will use the amp.

John, W4FRU said the DXAC would give their vote concerning the SØRASD operation to Headquarters by 15 Dec 87. So far it looks good. Maybe we will get a good Christmas gift.

Per Don Search, TU2BR/5U-OK F6BFN/5U- no good, I2VA/5U- ok. Also look for I2VA from A5 in Mar 88.

Arnie, LA8CJ, has the two amps in working order that were returned from the Peter 1st Island DXpedition but the antenna sent to Bert, 5AØA, which was shipped back to Franz, DJ9ZB in late Aug hasn't arrived yet. If anyone flying over 5A happens to see a 3 element tribander on an oil storage tank, pse let us know so we can write it off the records.

Richard Grant, WA9AVN, our printer, will take over the job as editor of our Newsletter starting with the Spring issue. Our tnx to him. Maybe now we can get each issue out on or near the right season. Hi

Your Newsletter will have the issue # each time so you may have an account in case you missed one. Tnx to LA8CJ.

Our Chairperson, Eva, PY2PE is feeling better and has returned from HB land for a family visit and medical reasons and is now back digging up more for us to do !

QSL MANAGER We have many amateurs who give their time in all areas of our great hobby, for without them, not very much would be done at no cost to us. We list those wishing to take on the job as a manager at times but once in a while we receive a few letters that make you go back and read it again.

Tom Looten, WB7UUE, 901 East Tard Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85024 wrote such a letter. He has plenty of time since he was disabled while serving in Vietnam. He still has the amateur spirit and needs something to keep him busy. In fact, if he could be given a few good stations to manage, it would benefit him as well as others. Give him a call.

NET Activities We continue to receive vy gd comments concerning the assistance provided to DXers and the calmness of the NCs. Al, N3CBH has blended vy well into the group and is doing a swell job. Robert, KF4NO has been showing up on the net to answer some of the Secretary type questions and the members like it.

No promises at this time but we have been talking to Ron, ZL1AMO concerning a net on 15 meters in 88. The main purpose is to provide the same information to those areas requesting the same treatment as we get on 20 at 2330Z. Depending on the UTC time, he will be able to cover most of the pacific area, Japan and parts of Europe. Presently he is making a study of coverage vs UTC.

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 AUCKLAND / CAMPBELL DXPEDITION 1988
 ZL9BN ZL9BQD ZL1AMO ZLØ(N7NG)
 (Baz) (Roly) (Ron) (Wayne)

Preparations for this Dxpediton are almost complete and will take place during Feb 1988. All bands with CW/SSB for a period of two weeks. This is a great group of polished DXers and you should have no problems making a contact.

Two scientific people will accompany the group (a requirement in order for the DXers to go) which will insure excellent documentation and photography.

The DXers need \$8000. (USA) to meet the cost of transport, fuel etc which doesn't include the funds they are putting up. Not to mention all the equipment required, which they will furnish themselves, they still have a long way to go in order to raise enough funds to make it work without getting a loan on their QTH.

Ron has asked for your support on this venture. Send whatever you may care to in IRCs, money, cheques ! Whatever ! !

Prove you still have the true spirit of amateur radio and do it now. Send it to Ron Wright, 28 Chorley Ave, Auckland 8, New Zealand.

C.Q.Magazine has recently revised and updated all the rules in connection with the overall Awards Program. Several new awards have been added that should challenge even the seasoned DXer to the U S Novice operator.

With the advent of Amateur Radio operation from the Peoples Republic of China, CQ has taken a realistic approach to these operations, and has redrawn Zones 23 and 24.

Anyone wishing a full set of coverage on the changes may contact Leo Haijsman, W4KA, W A Z Awards Manager or to C.Q.Magazine.

DX applicants desiring to participate in these awards should adhere to the following:

1. CQ-DX Award; administered by N4UF and form CQ-1067-B should be used.
2. W A Z Award; " " W4KA " " " 1479 " " " .
3. Prefix Award; " " K6DZL " " " 1051-A " " " .
4. USA-CA Award; " " WB9RCY and a record book for this award is
 available from CQ, 76 N Broadway, Hicksville, NY

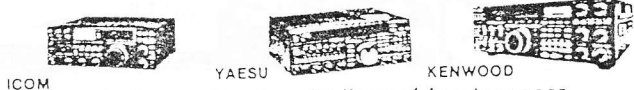
Make sure you are updated on the changes before applying because it may save a lot of headaches later. It may even be easier if you have worked the right ones.

Vote yes or no for each nominee and if voting no for any office, you may use the writein space if desired.

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	VS6CT			
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	W4FRU			
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	TU1BQ			
	DL9SC			
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Dues	755	479
Donations	-	102
Logo Stickers	477	312
T Shirts	500	354
Logo Rubber Stamps	205	117
Logo Pins	-	146
Sale of Surplus Equipment	208	129
Interest	9,590	6,399

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	4,274	1,741
Equipment Purchase	319	203
T Shirts	1,889	1,970
Postage & Mailing	995	196
Printing	100	100
CPA Fee	15	15
Charter, Tax Fee	30	45
QSL Director	-	400
Tonga Expedition	200	-
Sprattly Expedition	360	180
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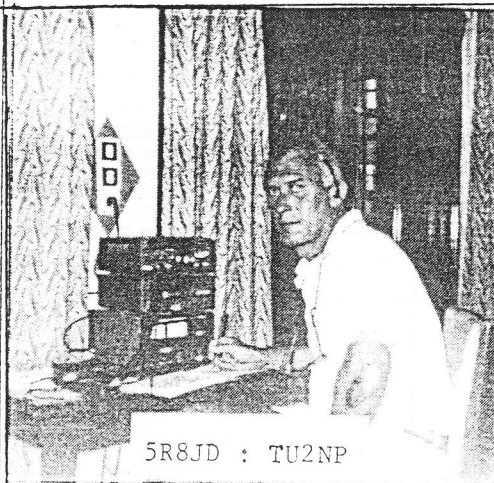
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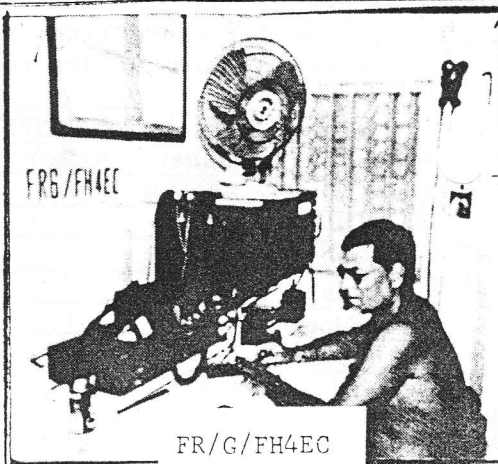
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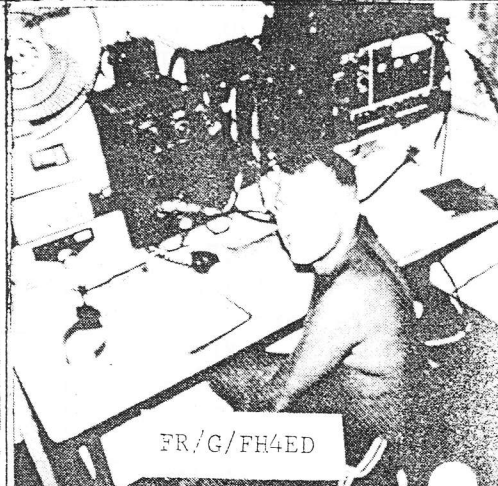
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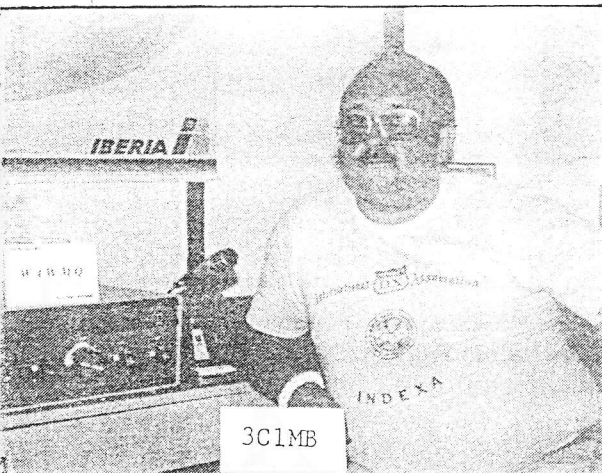
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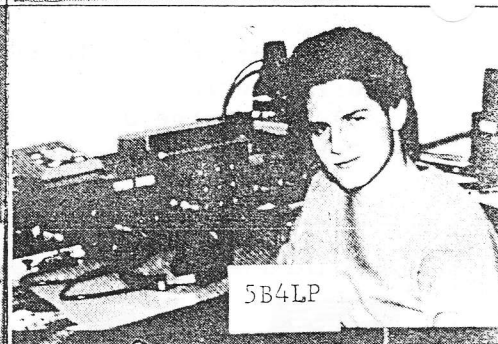
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